

# South Dakota CATTLE ON FEED

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## ***CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY UP FROM SEPTEMBER***

**SIOUX FALLS, October 17, 2003** -- South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 145,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on October 1, according to the USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. The October 1 number is down 5,000 head from one year ago but up 11,000 head from September.

**Placements** during September totaled 49,000 head, unchanged from last year but up 19,000 head from August 2003.

**Marketings of fed cattle** during September totaled 37,000 head, down 6,000 head from both last year and August 2003.

**Other disappearance** during September totaled 1,000 head, unchanged from both last year and August 2003.

**Steer and steer calves** totaled 77,000 head, 53 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Heifer and heifer calves** totaled 59,000 head, 41 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Bulls and cows** totaled 9,000 head, accounting for 6 percent of the total cattle on feed.

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